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Agency Information Collection (Dental Record Authorization and Invoice for Outpatient Services) Activity under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0335" in any correspondence.

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20420, (202) 632-7492, fax (202) 632-7583 or e-mail crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0335."

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

<u>Title</u>: Dental Record Authorization and Invoice for Outpatient Services, VA Form 10-2570d.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0335.

<u>Type of Review:</u> Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10-2570d is essential to the proper administration of VA outpatient fee dental program. The associated instructions make it possible to communicate with clarity the required procedures, peculiarities, and precautions associated with VA authorizations for contracting with private dentists for the provision of dental treatment for eligible veteran beneficiaries. Since most of the veterans who are authorized fee dental care are geographically inaccessible to VA dental clinics, it is necessary to request information as to the veteran's oral condition, treatment needs and the usual customary fees for these services from the private fee dentist whom the veteran has selected. The form lists the dental treatment needs of the veteran patient, the cost to VA to provide such services, and serves as an invoice for payment. VA uses the data collected to verify the veteran's eligibility to receive dental benefits.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The *Federal Register* Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 19, 2012, on pages 69550-69551.

<u>Affected Public:</u> Business and other for profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,666 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Dated: January 25, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary:

William F. Russo, Deputy Director Office of Regulations Policy and Management Office of General Counsel Department of Veterans Affairs

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